

Stennis Air War Hearings
26 Jul 68

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[] to DDI memo re Support to Secretary Clifford for
Stennis Air War Hearings

Attachments: Stennis to Clark Clifford memo, dated
22 Jul 68, re request for briefing on
effect of restricted bombing on the war
and extent of infiltration from North
to South Vietnam

Warnke (DOD) to Helms letter, dated
26 Jul 68, requesting assistance in
providing Stennis with current assess-
ment of effectiveness of present bombing
program

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

**SUBJECT: Support to Secretary Clifford for Stennis
Air War Hearings**

1. The Director called me to his office this afternoon and presented me with the attached request from Paul Warnke. I told Mr. Helms that we had just laid on a similar project but the timing on this request would be difficult. Mr. Warnke's office needs our response by c.o.b. 30 July 1968.

2. Mr. Helms instructed me to do as much as we could in the time allowed and not to worry about making it a full fledged Agency memorandum but to get as much data as soon as possible. If we find out on Monday that we could not compile all of the support data, he said he would settle for a relatively informal response that could be sent over his signature.

3. I anticipate that we would not be able to produce an in-depth analysis in the McNamara style but that we will be able to put together a creditable briefing paper by Tuesday.

**Deputy Director
Economic Research**

Attachment:

Ltr to Mr. Helms from Paul C. Warnke
dated 26 July 68 with attachment
(Ltr to Hon. Clark M. Clifford from
John Stennis dated 22 July 68)

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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 22, 1968

Honorable Clark M. Clifford
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

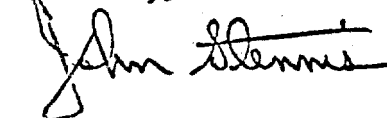
Last year the Subcommittee held extensive hearings on the air war against North Vietnam. This subject has become of renewed interest in view of the current restrictions on our bombing efforts.

I have, therefore, instructed the Subcommittee staff to initiate an inquiry to update our information on this matter. While we propose to go into the subject in some detail, the effect of the restricted bombing on the war and the extent of infiltration from North to South Vietnam will be of particular interest and importance.

The Subcommittee staff will shortly call on you for briefings, with respect to these matters and this letter is written so that the necessary preparations for such briefings may be initiated.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



John Stennis
Chairman, Preparedness
Investigating Subcommittee

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